

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2372 – SB 2341

March 26, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (014850, 015469, 015634): Terminates the responsibilities of the surrendering adoptive parent or parents for future child support or other future financial responsibilities after the Department of Children's Services (DCS) accepts the surrender of a child who was placed for adoption by DCS and surrendering the child is determined to be in the child's best interest. Any past child support arrearages or other financial obligations incurred for the care of the child prior to the execution of the surrender are not eliminated. Only applies to adoptive parents of children who were in the custody of DCS immediately prior to the adoption. The provisions of the bill will expire on June 30, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Revenue - \$19,200

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Federal Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- There will not be a significant impact on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.
- There will not be a significant impact on the Child Support Program administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS). This program is funded by both state (34%) and federal (66%) resources. Any impact on the collection of child support is estimated to be minimal and will not have a fiscal impact on the revenue or expenditures of DHS.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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